

To: FCC

Re: Kenwood "Sky Command" Petition on Public Notice RM-10313

I am writing in SUPPORT of Kenwood's request for FCC to relax restrictions on Amateur Radio auxiliary station operation. The FCC assigned the rulemaking number RM-10313 to the petition and opened the request for public comment.

I am an ARRL member, and an active participant in the City of Sacramento, CA OES Races program, a past President of the El Dorado County Sheriff's Search and Rescue program, a US Department of Forestry Fire Communications Operator, and California Department of Forestry Fire Communications operator and registered disaster worker. I have been an amateur radio operator since 1987, and find that the function and service of Amateur Radio a paramount and now more than ever, a compliment to current telecommunications system.

Our service has been demonstrated over and over throughout the history of amateur radio. I believe that the comments mentioned by Kenwood in support of the change in Part 97 Auxiliary communications and the use of the Sky Command feature, can play a critical role in remote emergency communications. For example the use of HF in State or Mars OES functions for exercise and real time emergencies especially in the view of Maritime use of Amateur Radio and the use of HF bands for Search and Rescue operation for example on 40 or 80M or the use of 10M FM repeaters stations where normal VHF/UHF modes are not sufficient.

I am aware of the concern that the 2m band is currently overcrowded in some areas, however the frequencies requested above 144.2 and simplex frequencies I believe WOULD NOT cause harmful interference.

In fact since the functionality as in the Sky Command mode would be a specialized area, which would augment, supplement and compliment private and public emergency agencies as well as the end user, would outweigh any potential for interference. In fact I would venture to estimate that the percentage of Sky Command users will be in the minority.

Again allowing flexibility to what appears to be an overregulation of auxiliary operations is something which should be revisited with openness, and with an eye toward the benefit this feature would provide to operators and emergency services.

I also am an avid operation of Mode S/L/U satellite operations and of all Digital modes including Pactor, I, II and PSK 31.

Please do not shut out meaningful consideration of this very important issue. I would strongly encourage the reviewer(s) to experiment with the functionality and possibilities of the use of additional auxiliary operations and specifically the Sky Command feature. I believe that if this operation is allowed to occur, that the technology will have many "benefits" which will be echoed not only by other Amateur Radio manufacturers but perhaps and services, public safety, Government and Land Mobile.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important issue.

Sincerely,

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